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SPEAKER of the Honourable  
House of COMMONS,

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Delivered on Friday the Eighth Day of  
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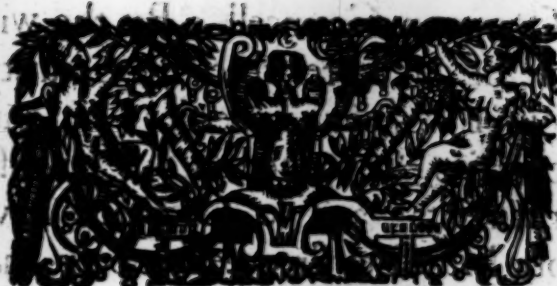
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*May it please your Most Excellent Majesty,*

**N**othing conduceth more  
to the happiness of a Na-  
tion, than a Right Un-  
derstanding between the  
Prince and the People:  
and nothing more advanceth this Cor-  
respondence, than frequent Meetings  
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in Common Councill. By the wisdom of our Forefathers the Security of our Lives, our Liberties, and our Properties, is lodged in our English Parliaments; and so Gracious have Your Majesties Predecessors been, that for the Satisfaction of their People, they have made several Lawes, some for Triennial, some for Annual Parliaments. Your Majesty by their Example, upon the humble Suit of Your Lords and Commons, hath in a former Session of this Parliament passed an Act for Triennial meetings in Parliament: but in this Your Majesty hath exceeded all Your Predecessors, That as Your Happy Restauration was in a Convention of Parliament, so of your own accord, for the Publick Good, and as a Demonstration of your extraordinary Love to Parliaments, You have vouchsafed ever since your Return to converse with your People in Parliament; this being  
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the sixth Year, and the sixth Session of this present Parliament.

The last time Your Majesty was pleased to speak to us, You commanded us to make ready all things that you were to dispatch this Session: In obedience thereunto, we have with all industry imaginable endeavoured, so to prepare those Matters that were before us, that Your Majesty, and the whole Nation may receive Satisfaction in our Dispatches.

First it concerned Us to keep our Words with your Majesty, in finishing that Supply which We promised You for the Carrying on the Warre. In order whereunto I doe here present unto Your Majesty this Bill of Eleven Moneths Assessment upon our Lands, to take place in a Post Charge after the additional Royal Ayde now current is expired: This Act, together  
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with the Poll Bill lately passed, we conceive will fully make good the 1800000 *l.* we promised to Your Majesty.

We must for ever with humility acknowledge the Justice of God in punishing this whole Nation by the late dreadfull Conflagration of *London*; We know They were not the greatest Sinners on whom the Tower of *Syloe* fell; and doubtless all Our Sinnes did contribute to the filling up that measure, which being full, drew down the Wrath of God upon that City; But it very much reviveth us to behold the miraculous blessing of God upon Your Majesties Endeavours for the Preservation of that part of the City which is left: *Et fas est resurgere Mœnia Trojæ!* We hope God will direct Your Royal Heart, and Fortunate Hand, in a few dayes to lay a Foundation Stone in the re-building  
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that Royal City : the Beauty and Praise  
whereof shall fill the whole Earth.

For the encouragement of this  
Noble Work we have prepared several  
Bills : One, for the establishing a Judi-  
catory for the speedy determining all  
Actions and Causes of Action, that  
have, or may arise between Landlords  
and Tenants upon this sad accident ;  
though I perswade my self no *English*  
*Man* would be exempted from making  
some Offering to carry on this pious  
Undertaking ; yet the exemplary Cha-  
rity of your Majesties 12 Reverend  
Judges is fit with Honor to be menti-  
oned before your Majesty, They are  
willing to spend all their Sand that doth  
not run out in your Majesties imme-  
diate Service, of dispensing Justice in  
their several Courts to your People, in  
hearing and determining those Contro-  
versies that may arise upon Old Agree-  
ments, and making New Rules be-  
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tween Owners and Tenants, for their mutual Encouragement in this Glorious *Action*.

We have likewise prepared a *Bill* for the Regularity of the New Buildings, that they may be raised with more Conveniency, Beauty, and Security, than they had before: Some Streets we have ordered to be opened and enlarged, and many Obstructions to be removed; but all with your Majesties approbation: This we conceive cannot be done with Justice, unless a Compensation be given to Those that shall be Losers; We have therefore laid an Imposition of 12 *d.* upon every Chalder, and 12 *d.* upon every Tun of Coals that shall be brought into the Port of *London* for Ten years, the better to enable the Lord Maior and Aldermen to recompence those Persons whose Grounds shall be taken from them.

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*Rome* was not built in a Day. Nor can we in the close of this Session finish the Rules for the dividing of Parishes, re-building of the Churches, and the Ornamental Parts of the City that we intended; these Things must rest till another Session: But we know your Majesty in the mean time will take them into your Princely Consideration, and make it your Care, that the Houses of God, and your own Royal Chamber, be decently and conveniently restored.

And now, Great Sir, having thus happily finished the Business of this Session, we begg your Majesties leave that we may return to our own Homes, there to put in Execution the Good Laws which You have made, and to defend our several Countryes against all Designs to disturb the Peace of the Nation. And we beseech Almighty God, who hath hitherto wonderfully

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fully preserved your Majesties Person, and made You Glorious in all your Achievements, still to prosper your Forces both at Sea and Land, till He hath made your Majesty an *Asylum* for all your Friends, and a Terror to your Enemies both at Home and Abroad.

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**FINIS.**

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**I** Do appoint Robert Pawlet to print this  
Speech, and that no other presume to print  
the same.

Edw. Turnor.

